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A Call to the Ministry.

Somebody is always telling stories have the run on them, and they may as well be content and bear it. Here follows a tale told of them not long since. My informant locates it in the mountains of North Carolina, where the Hard-shells are quite numerous, and where they believe pretty strongly in dreams and voices. In the important matter of a call to the ministry, a dream or a voice is almost

Now, it came to pass that a man by the name of Walker felt himself considerably moved to "hold forth," and kept "spreadassist him in his pious investigation, he called at a still-house one evening to get some of the "good critter." After rehome, and on the way he felt "moved" from the road, "thar to wrastle on the subject." While he was " wrastlen " most arch, some one passed the road with a long-eared animal, politely called a John times, in a most moving and thrilling man-

Walker's imagination, by his earnest "wrastlin," was wrought up to great intensity, and he converted Major John's discordant music, which, to most men, resembles the filing of a saw-mill saw, into a call from Heaven, urging him to preach the Gospel. No time was to be lost. He rose from his knees duly commissioned, went to his church, and demanded a license, when the pastor interrogated him

Pastor. Do you believe Brother Walker, that you are called of God to preach, "as was Aston?"

Walker. Most sertialy Lalsos.

Pastor. Give the Charch, that is, the brethren, the proof.

Walker. I was mightily diffiliated, and

Pastor. That's it, Brother Walker.

Walker. And while there wrastlin',

days. Pastor. You are on the right track, Brother Walker. Go on with your nora-

Walker. I couldn't tell, for the life ov whether the voice was un in the air wishes for me and future we are. or down in the sky, it sounded so curi-

diffikilted. Go on to norate, Brother Walker. How did it appear to sound un-

Walker. Why, this a-way; "Waw- him, to the lowest possible point. waw-ker-waw-waw-ker! Go preach, go preach, & preach, go preach-ee, go preachah, go preach-ua, go preach-ah-ce-uh-ah-

Pester. Brothering and sister, the right sort of a call. Enough said, Brother Walker. That's none ov yer college calls, nor money calls. No doctor ov divinity uver got sich a call as that. Brother Walker must have license für sactin

and for sure. The license was granted, the story goes, and Walker is now doubtless making the mountains ring with his stentorian lungs.

A WOMAN.—The Eeu Claire (Wis.) Free Freeman Hoyt. They were fresh from Press gives the following account of a his private pond some of them still fight which occurred on Monday night of "kicking,") and exhibited plainly the eflast week at Bridget Creek, between Mrs. feets of good feeding. They were fat and T. C. Higgins and about a dozen wolves : piump. "Early in the evening Mrs. Higgins

and upon going out found that comething proved species known to our country like a dozen wolves contemplated an at- streamand ponds. Theidea of raising tack-upon the calf. Upon her opproach fish, an of feeding and fatening them for they retreated a short distance. Mrs. II. privatuse, seems to be a lovel one, yet is a good shot with a rifle, and she first its praicabilty has been fully developed. determined to shoot at least one of the With small outlay, and a litle care, the intruders with her husband's loaded rifle; farmernay raise his fish as easily as his upon reflection she concluded to put pigs at chickens—have them in as fine and of too great proportions to be moved house, and give it to her unwelcome vis- of acces itors. She did so, and upon the return of Mr. Byt's pond we believe has now part of the evening, he found tweive among the stetablished in our Detrict. wolves lying dead within a few rods of -Sumter Tatchean. the house.

Duellists must have their seconds, and widows are entitled to their thirds.

Tail-holt better than no holt."

captive by wild "Injins." After some from his eye: consideration, they put him into an empty oil barrel, and headed him up, leaving the his experience in this wise:

I determined to get out'n that or bust about the "Hard-shell Baptists." Wags a trace; and so I pounded away with my fist, till I beat it into nearly a jelly, at the end of the bar'l, but it were no go. Then I butted a spell with my noggin, but I had no purchase like old rams have when they butt; fur, you know, they back ever so far when they make a tilt. So I caved in, made my last will and testament and virtually gave up the ghost. It wur a mighty serious time with me for sure. While I was lying thar, balancing accounts with t'other world, and afore I had all my figgers made out to see how things 'ud stand, I hearn suthin' scrambuing the fleece," Gideon-like, to ascertain latin' in the leaves, and snortin' every his duty in the important premises. To whipstich like he smelt suthin' he didn't adzactly, like. I lay as still as a salamanfor Stanley yit. So the critter, whatever freshment, the story runs, he left for it mout be, kep' moseyin' round the bar'l. Last he came to the bunghole, put his houted at the top of my voice:

And the bar he put, and I knowed tail hold were better than no holt; and we went, bar'l and all, the bar at full speed. Now, my hope was that the bar would ump over some pressepiss' break the bar'l I was determined to go into the woods all to shiverations, and liberate me from my nasty, stinkin', ily prison. And sure 'nuff, the bar at full speed leaped over a eatarack fifty foot high. Down we went Jacob like, I hearn one ov the curiousest togther in a pile, cowhallop, on a big rock, voices I uver hearn in all my borned bustin' the bar'l and nearly shakin' my gizzard out'n me. I let go my tail holt -had no more use for it -- and away went the bar like a whirly gust of woodpeckers were after it- I've never seen nor hearn from that bar since, but he has my best

Etiquet among the Chinese requires Pastor. Poor creetur! how he was that in conversation each should compliment the other, and every body belonging each age-mark was gone; her cheek was to him, in the most laudatory style, and fresh as the young girl's when she first deprecate himself, with all pertaining to blushes at the whispered words of love,

> The following is no exaggeration, though not the precise words:

"What is your honorable name?"

"My insignificant appellation is Wong." Where is your magnificent palace?"

"My contemptible hut is at Suchan."

"My vile wirthless brats are five." "How is thehealth of your distinguish-

man is well.'

FISH-A PRISENT. We must express onr high apprelation of a handsome WHOLESALE POISONING OF WOLVES BY string of ish, sent to us by our friend,

Mr. loyt's pond is now thoroughly heard an unusual noise at the calf-pen, stocked with fine fish, of the several ap-

Ex-Gov. Pice f New Jersey, takes the position, in ecct letter, that that State tions of happiness which are incompre-

"My last sane recollection is of the surgeon applying the handkercheif to my bunghole open, that he might be longer mouth; then the room began to magnify dying. The prisoner relates a portion of to gigantic proportion; a common lamp was transformed to candelabrum, more luminous and costly than ever lighted the grandest cathedral in the world. The surgeon became a giant of prodigious magnitude, holding a huge, gleaming knife, with a single blow of which he might have severed me. The sound of voices in the room seemed like the clamorings of a vast multitude during the buring of a city and a sign-board, screeching outside, conveyed, the idea of a furious mob collected in the street for my excution. On entering the room I had noticed a large cat sitting asleep on a shelf, which turned its head lazily toward me and then resumed its slumbers; this creature became a hideous, vampire-like monster, with great fiery eyes and with claws like what were fabled to beglong to the grifder, and thought may be there's a chance | fin, walking round, and blowing fetid breath on me, and pressing its frightful paws on my breast. But the worst of all was a collection of gigantic men, sharpento go into the grove a few hundred yards nose in, smelt mighty perticler, and gin a ing instruments for my dissection; I monstrous loud snort. I holt what little | could hear the whirring of the stone and breath I had to keep the critter from the shricking of the highly-tempered earnestly, scarcely outdone by the patri- smellin' the internals of the bar'l. I soon knives as the grinders laughed at the inseen it was a bar of the woods-the big tended dissection. One was more joeose king bar of the woods, who had lived and heartless than the rest; he was my left off, as his race is wont to do some- there from time immemorial. Thinks I, implicate enemy; we had quarrelled and old fellow, look out; old Oliver ain't dead fought about a schoolmate love. Presentyet. Jist then he put his black paw in ly I felt their keen knives at every joint; jist as fur as he could, and scrabbled I shricked and screamed, blasphemed and about to make some 'scovery. The first besought my tormentors, but still the intho't I had better nab his paw, as a struments hissed through my quivering drowndin' man will ketch at a straw; but flesh, and grated along every bone. I soon seen that wouldn't do, for you see am satisfied that all these emotions were he couldn't then travel. So I jist waited experienced within a moment after the a spell with great flatteration of mind. first inhalation which began the process The next move he made was to put his of stupefaction. So Swift are the evolutail in at the bunghole of the bar'l to tions of thought when sense is subdued, test innards. I seen that were my time to and when the phantom monarch of dreams make my Jack; so I seized my holt, and leads the soul through the endless avenues, swifter in its journeyings than the short lived fire which falls from the womb of an overburdened cloud.

"But a gradual revolution of mental perception succeeded; those frightful specters began to recede; the men and knives begun to diminish; the cat returned to natural proportions and crept slowly away; the voices became less harsh and threatening, and the noise in the street was subdued to unbroken silence. I looked into a universe of light, with nothing visible, until indistinct forms appeared on the horizon coming toward me and defining themselves as they came. One was my mother, clad in grave-clothes, but, as she neared, her habitiments chanfine fabries which glittered in the prophet's vision when he looked over the great congregation which no man could number.' Directly she stood by me; and, recognizing every feature, I saw that and, stooping to kiss me, the apparition went out leaving another, still more beautiful and youthful; it was the figure of my young wife, who died in the birth of her first child. She held an infant in her arms who reached down and ran his tiny fingers through my hair, but when I tried "Haw many are your illustrious chil- to take him in my arms, infant and mother were gone.

Strange, that I felt no disappointment I knew they were but pictures that hung in the galleries of a fathers heart. Every-"My mean, good for nothing old wo- thing changed to an existence of indescribable pleasure; I laughed and danced like one mad with the exhiliration of unexpected deliverance from torture; the air came into my iungs gratefully as the up gushing of cool water to the lips of a thirsty drinker. The aroma of celestial gardens seemed about me; I believed that I was in the territory of souls' and wondered how any one should fear to die. I could hear sounds in the street, but they seemed to prolong and swell like the sound of a great organ. Millions of symmetrical creatures passed in review, along a horizon of silver and gold, and yet I was concious that they were but the creations | a distorted imagination.

"Presently I became conscious of returning sense; my limbs felt unwieldy ed and began to discern objects returning to natural dimensions; I began to compreher husband, who was absent the fore entered on its fourth year. It was hend the conversation of persons in the room. The whole operation had not occupied half an hour, but I had lived centuries of indescribable horrors, and emoshould unite it the Confederate States. hensible to the sane and wakeful mind. vance than in a cowardly retreat.

A correspondent of the San Francis- My sight was preserved, and the frag-The following laughable affair is from co Weekly Mirror gives the following viv- ment of steel is in my possession, which a book entitled Fisher's River Scenes and id description of the sensations he felt like the key of St. Peter, unlocked celes-Characters. The incident is located in while under the intoxication of chloroform, tial splendors and opened a Pandora box tune. Adversity and care have faded Congressional legislation; that with the North Carolina. It is the story of a man in which he had been placed for the pur- of hellish imagery, which, even now, seares from many a fair cheek, the rose-tinges of North in the recent government it was named "Oliver Stanley," who was taken pose of having a sliver of iron extracted me from dreams to sudden and trembling health, and bowed many a manly form just the reverse; in winter everything

How Not to Do it.

"Blynks," the spicy correspondent of the Nashville Patriot, writes from Washington as follows:

As you will perceive, I am still tabernacling in this humiliating attempt at a great city. . I am extremely disgusted with Washington. I would like to meet, at a social gathering of four, the ministers of England, France, and Russia, fresh from the splendors of London, of Paris, and of St. Petersburg, and get them to tell me candidly what they think of the Capital of this great nation. I think I shall do it before I leave here. Everything in Washington is unfinished-except the contents of the Federal Treasury. Piles of brick, mortar, lumber, &c., are scattered everywhere, but the work-

men seem to be perpetually gone to dinner. There's the new dome on the Capitol. They have been hammering away at it for a number of years, and it is not finished yet. If they had been employed by the job they would have had it done in twelve or eighteen months; but they are employed on heavy salaries, and by the day, and don't care how long it takes them-the longer the better. They climb to the come occasionally, pull off their coats, take one tug at a bar of iron pull off their coati again, and go off and stay a week. the government seems to like it-perhaps because it is so much like the government. This dome, when completed, will have cost about one million of dollars, and will have been four, or five, or six years in building. I can go to Nashville and have idolatry. one just like it put up in twelve months

If all the money that has been approprovements in Washington, had been juwould be to-day one of the finest cities in fore the morning san. the world. As it is, considering all things, it is next to no city at all. If the government should have occasion to build a pigpen six feet square, it couldn't possibly be done for less than fifty thousand dollars, exclusive of the salaries of the superdo here, you couldn't get your boots blacked without incurring an expense of a hundred dollars to save your life.

for half the money, and clear a large for-

tune by the job.

perintendent of the work, putting a thoucheck on. I get you to appoint my brothin-law chief engineer. I appoint two of and my brother-in-law appoints two of specified above. his brothers assistant engineers-all at your expense. We buy as each a fast horse and buggy, and ride around town, drink cock-tails and play billiards, until the bank deposit gives out, when we make out a printed report of seventy-three pages, furnishing you a complete topographical survey of your back yard, and a vast amount of statistical information with regard to the number of hens you are likely to have for the next forty years. We wind up the report with the announcement that the site of the hen-coop has been selected, and call for another appropriation to proscente the work, which we assure you will be done with vigor." You place another thousand or two in bank, and employ two hundred hands, at three dollars a day, to transport seventy-five cents worth of lumber (which costs under our management ten times that many dollars), to the place of operations, which requires about three months. In the meantime, we drive around and go on vigorously with the liquor and the billiards. We then come up with another report and a demand for another appropriation .-With this we get the walls of the structure up, and with one or two more approations, and a great many more cock-tails and billiards, we get the thing covered in upon renegged and in the condition for the table, and about as easy by the strengthening will; my eyes openwe very appropriately style our "fiscal year," we put you in formal possession of

suit of your old clothes.

knock up some Saturday afternoon for a Fewer persons are killed in a bold ad-

Energy in Adversity.

beneath the weight of their oppressive with them was locked up in ice, and it burden. Unfeeling as the world is, they have been left, no matter of what merit, best spare home duties-and hence the to toil almost in vain, amidst the glitter use of that season for government purof wealth and the sunbcams of surround- poses. ing prosperity. Many minds are so gen- . Is not the suggestion of summer Contly and delicatly constituted, that they gresses a good one? And if so, where pointment and the blight of faded expec- swer must be, in some cool, healthful sittations. While this may show that they uation, near the mountains. Alabama fined emotions, it proves also, that phys- one, at Atlanta; and South Carolina one, ically and mentally, they are not consti- at Old Pendleton. Start not at the mentuted to buffet the angry waves of fortune, tion of so humble a village. It would be or have cultivated and strung to an undue a noble location for our Southern capital. and wail to that of misfortune and sorrow.

While it is pleasing to see in any one

an unblinking and steadfast eye, whose spirit never yields, though the body may be crushed to the grave, is apt to excite admiration and sympathy, and may tri-The whole thing is a regular swindle, and umph over apparently insuperable and dangers. But the proud spirit of man of man should rise in dignity and unbroken strength though adversity and poverty and neglect should surround it-though even human love itself should falter in its

"Heaven helps those who help themselves." But Heaven will help those who do right. Integrity, energy, and a proper dependence upon the Supreme ruler of priated for public buildings, and other in- the world will give the talisman of success, and scatter disappointments, misandiciously and honestly expended, this thropy, and despondency, like mists be-

If then the spring flowers of hope have scemed to wither along your path, Iranticipated success and triamphs have vanished as summer-night dreams, take courage, look up, depend not upon vain hopes and fruitless lamentations but upon integintendent, the draftsman, and the engin- rity and energy; for they are linked with eer, which would be about three thousand the most valuable gifts of fortune. If dollars each. If private enterprises they fail to bring success they cannot pool. It is a present to the State from a throughout the country swallowed up fail to bestow the consoling consciousness Carolinian now resident in the latter money as remarkably fast as public ones of having deserved it.—Augusta Republic. place, (Charles K. Prioleau, Esq.,) who

The way the government gets its work a novel party to the young people of his need. done is curious. As an illustration, you neighborhood. The ticket sent to each and your family meet in convention of young lady required that she should come the whole, adopt a resolution authorizing dressed in Mississippi manufactured appathe construction of a hen-coop in your rel, in the manufacture of which she back yard. You at once appoint me su- must in some way assist. The young Leake and Attala.

REMARKABLE INSTANCE OF MADNESS IN A HORSE.-One day last week a valuable horse, belonging to Nicholas Smith, of Medford, was seized with madness and became so furious that it was necessay for the safety of those about him to confine him to a strong enclosure. He exhibited his strange malady by biting his keeper, and dashing his head against the sides of his stall. He attempted to gnaw his hoofs, in doing which he broke his lower jaw so that it hung useless. He bit his own sides, and finaly died after three days of terrible suffering.

of the earth," said a down east-lawyer, " winging its daring flight against a midday sun, till its contemplation becomes too dazzling for humanity, and mortal on every sea and credit at every counter, eyes gaze after it in vain ... " Here the but which he never had occasion to use. For orator faltered, and after an abortive ef- months before he died-he was a year in fort or two, sat down in confusion.

recommend you to clip his wings.

it has been endeavored to give Alabama years. He left a legacy to his children, the prestige of preference in the location which he did not mention. Scrofula had of the new Southern capital, yet it has been eating up one daughter for fifteen certainly not been so decided. Nor will years; another in the mad house; the it be, so far as Montgomery is concerned. third and fourth of unearthly beauty;

negro carpenter would have been glad to Southern government should assemble in faded, into heaven, we hope, in the sweetthe summer months; that the winter sea- est teens; and another is tottering on the son at home, when all planters and other verge of the grave, and only one is left persons desire to be in personal superin- with all the senses, and each of them is tendence of their domestic affairs; that weak as water .- Am. Temp. Journal.

with us summer is the season of vacation. Some live not only to see earth in its when time can be easily afforded, by repvanity but to experience years of misfor- resentatives and visitors, to the matter of was therefore the very period they could

yield easily to the wintry blasts of disap- should we locate the capital? The anhave hearts of keen sensibilities and re- offers one such at Huntsville; Georgia extent, those delicate cords of soul which It has the most charming of summer cliyield melody to the breath of happiness, mates. It looks out upon our grandest Southern mountains., It is accessible by railroad, and will be easily so (when the the emblems of sensibility under danger, Blue Ridge Read is completed) to all difficulty and misfortune, it is admirable parts of the South. And yet again-perto show a true heart, a sustaining energy, haps more than all-it was the home of an unconquerable spirit. He who dis- Calhoun. Within a few miles of the vilplays energy in adversity is far more cer- lage is Fort Hill; and it might well betain of receiving the substantial sympa- come the Mecca of Southern freedom. thy and encouragement of the world than | Make Pendleton our seat of Government, he who sinks under the sweep of the tem- and our Congress will legislate in the same glorious atmosphere that inspired The man who defies the rage of the the intellect whose reasoning has brought storm, who looks upon its approach with on the Southern Confederacy.—Edgefield

> CHARLESTON ITEMS .- We clip the folowing from the Charleston papers, of Wednesday:

DISTINGUISHED VOLUNTEERS .- Among those who, yesterday, girded on their swords for the defence of the soil of the State, were Hon. Lewis T. Wigfall and the venerable Edmund Ruffin.

The commencement exercises of the Cadets of the Citadel Academy, previously announced as about to take place at Hibernian Hall, to-day will, on account of the immediate prospect of collision in our harbor, be dispensed with for the present year. The ceremony of conferring degrees upon the First Class took place privately, yesterday morning.

FATAL RESULT.—We regret to learn that Mr. J. R. Smith, of Portsmouth, Virof the upper windows of the Pavillion Hotel, we noticed some time ago, died on yesterday, at the Roper Hospital, from the result of his injuries.

RIFLED CANNON .- A fine rifled gun reached this city yesterday, from Liver-A Homespun Party.—Col. Donald, of although absent in a foreign land, does Leake county, Mississippi, recently gave not forget his State in the hour of her

A Glass of Brandy.

"A glass of brandy can't hurt any body! Why I know a person, yonder he is now, on high change, specimen of man ly beauty, a portly six-footer. He has gentlemen were also required to dress in the bearing of a prince, for he is one of sand or two of dellars in bank for me to the manufacture of Mississippi, made in our merchant princes. His face wears the hue of health, and now, at the age of fif-There were near one hundred persons ty odd, he has the quick elastic step of my brothers assistant superintendents, of both sexes in attendence, all attired as our young men of twenty-five, and none more full of mirth and wit than he, and I know he never dines witcout brandy and water, and never goes to bed without a tarrapin or oyster supper, with plenty of champagne; and more than that he was never known to be drunk. So here is a living examplar and disproof of the tempersace twaddle about the dangerous nature of an occasional glass, and the destructive effect of the temperate use of good liquors." Now it so happened that this speciman

of safe brandy-drinking was a relation of ours. He died in a year or two after, of chronic diarrhoe, a common end of those who are never drunk, nor never out of "An eagle, soaring on high above the mist liquor. He left his widow a splendid mansion up town, and a clear five thousand a year, besides a large fortune to each of his six children; for he had ships dying-he could cat nothing without dis-"The next time sir," said the Judge, tress, and at his death the whole alimenyou bring an eagle into Court, I should tary canal was a mass of disease; in the midst of his millions, he died of inanition. This is not the half, reader. He had THE PLACE FOR THE CAPITAL -Although | been a steady drinker for twenty-eight The suggestion has been made to us there was a kind of grandeur in that a ten thousand dollar hen-coop that any from a distinguished quarter, that the beauty, but they blighted, and paled, and